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In re Appln. of: Toshihiko OBA

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FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicant hereby cites the following reference:

DOCUMENT NUMBER Number-Kind Code (if known)	DATE	COUNTRY
H03-035296	02/15/1991	Japan

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Reference E1 was cited in an Office Action issued in the counterpart Japanese application. A copy of the Office Action is also enclosed with this Statement. Reference E1 is in Japanese. Applicant is submitting a concise explanation of the relevant part of the reference. The

other references cited in the Office Action have already been disclosed in the previous Information Disclosure Statements.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

For purposes of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), Applicant certifies that each item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Statement. As noted in the attached Office Action, the mailing date thereof is August 30, 2004.

Applicant hereby certifies under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that no item of information in this Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. Accordingly, Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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	E1	H03-035296	02/15/1991	Japan		Yes
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